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1. [REDACTED] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and gave him a suggested reply to a constituent letter from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] for Representative Wayne N. Aspinall (D., Colo.). I also discussed with Mr. Slatinshek the letter from Chairman Richard H. Ichord (D., Mo.), of the House Committee on Internal Security, concerning disclosures in news accounts of information about Premier Lon Nol [REDACTED]. In brief, it is Mr. Slatinshek's suggestion that it would be well if Mr. Maury were to talk informally with Chairman Ichord about the matter.

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2. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and reviewed with him the administrative arrangements for the Director's briefing for Tuesday, 7 July. Mr. Kuhl noted in passing that no meetings have been scheduled with State Department or USIA personnel concerning [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and as far as he knows none

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4. [REDACTED] Called the office of Senator Claiborne Pell

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and made a date to brief him [REDACTED]
at 4:30 p. m., Monday, 29 June 1970.

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5. [REDACTED] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and said that Chairman Henderson, House Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, suggested it might be helpful if Chairman Rivers sent separate letters to each member of Henderson's Subcommittee supporting our request for exemption from S. 782. Slatinshek said he would have this done.

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6. [REDACTED] During a conversation with Garner J. Cline, Counsel, House Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, I was introduced to Kenneth Harkins, Chief Counsel, Antitrust Subcommittee, who is handling the staff work for the Judiciary Committee on the resolutions calling for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice Douglas. (See Memorandum for the Record for details).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with House Judiciary Staff re Douglas
Impeachment Resolutions

1. In a brief conversation with Garner J. Cline, Counsel, House Immigration and Nationality Subcommittee, on another matter, I brought up Chairman Celler's letter to the Director asking for information in connection with the various resolutions which have been submitted calling for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. I queried Cline as to the staff member handling this. It so happened that within seconds of my mentioning this, Mr. Kenneth R. Harkins, Chief Counsel, Antitrust Subcommittee, dropped in Cline's office. Cline introduced us and I mentioned the Chairman's letter to the Director. Harkins was rather uncommunicative except to say that the Committee was trying to move rapidly on a report to the House on these resolutions and added somewhat in jest that he also expected us to appear with volumes of material since he understood [redacted]

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2. [redacted]

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[redacted] It had originally been expected that once the resolutions were referred to the Judiciary Committee a long, somewhat tedious, and objective process would be involved, but pressure has built up for the Committee to make some kind of a report to the House soon. (This pressure is probably a reaction to an early public statement by Celler that any thought of impeachment proceedings against Douglas was ridiculous.) Cline said the Committee has already obtained a 60-day extension on the deadline and added in confidence that a confidential report on the case (except for any Agency interest) has already been prepared. Cline also said that Harkins is very close to Celler and speaks with Celler's direct backing.

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3. Cline also advised me that the Committee ran into difficulty at the outset when they attempted to obtain material from the Internal Revenue Service on the case. Revenue refused to provide anything from its files unless a Presidential directive was given. Such a directive was provided and the Committee reportedly has volumes of IRS material to review. It has also been in touch with the FBI.

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